ABSTRACT

VALVE FOR USE IN A SUBSEA DRILLING RISER

There are disclosed two types of valves connectible in a subsea drilling riser to permit the opening and closing of side ports therein. One such valve is automatically opened when the hydrostatic subsea pressure is greater by a predetermined amount than that of drilling mud in the riser. The other valve is installed in the lower end of the riser and is adapted to be opened to discharge drilling fluid therefrom.

Figure : None